

VOLUNTARY SURVEY FOR COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ENVIRONMENTAL/ FACILITY MANAGERS

In May 1999, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency began an initiative to improve environmental compliance at colleges and universities in the Mid-Atlantic states. This initiative has included outreach through the news media, web sites, presentations and workshops, as well as inspections and enforcement. The purpose of this survey is to determine the level of awareness generated from this initiative, understanding, and possible results. We will use the information to determine what EPA can do to improve the quality of its information sources to meet the needs of college and university personnel.

Indicate your level of satisfaction overall with EPA information?

Are you aware of EPA's initiative to improve compliance with environmental regulations at colleges and universities? Yes/no/not until this survey [If no, go to last question]

Indicate your level of awareness of regulations, as a result of EPA's focus on colleges and universities: (greatly improved/significantly improved/improved/about the same/ confused)

Indicate how you have received information from EPA. Where applicable, indicate the usefulness of EPA information received in association with the college and university initiative.

- ☐ EPA presentation for colleges and universities
- ☐ Other EPA presentations for broader audience
- ☐ EPA website with audit protocols
- ☐ EPA lab guide on website
- ☐ Frequently asked questions and answers on EPA web sites on regulations
- ☐ Other EPA web site information
- ☐ EPA responses to phone calls/hotline calls
- ☐ Other source (specify) _____

Rate the impact that each of the following had on improving compliance at your college or university.

- Emphasis by college or university president
- Adverse publicity at other schools from environmental violations
- Attending workshop/presentation
- EPA focus on colleges and universities
- Obtaining information from EPA website
- Student interest
- Reading information in professional organization magazine or newsletter
- Talking to a colleague in the same field

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Indicate any campus activities that resulted at least partly because of the EPA compliance initiative:

Information: Shared (much/some/no) information received through this outreach with others in my organization.

Compliance training: Conducted additional training/started planning/no additional training in the works.

Job responsibilities: Have had compliance responsibilities written into other peoples job responsibilities/have suggested it/planning to suggest it/such descriptions are already written into job responsibilities of appropriate people/ no plans to act on this.

Environmental committee: Formed an environmental committee/discussing possible environmental committee/no discussion of a committee.

Website links: Linked school's environmental website to EPA's website/exploring link/was already linked/not considering.

Energy Star: Joined Energy Star/contacted someone about participating/obtained information/joined Energy Star before the initiative/none of the above

Environmental Compliance self-audit: Information received helped influence the decision to (conduct/ /start/plan/no action because audits already underway/no action taken)

Environmental management system -Established/started/planning/already underway before EPA initiative/no action taken

Indicate improved or planned improvements as a result of recent EPA outreach to colleges in the following where applicable:

___labeling change - yes/no/not applicable/not yet, but planned

___manifesting change - yes/no/not applicable/not yet, but planned

___record keeping change - yes/no/not applicable/not yet, but planned

___monitoring/sampling change - yes/no/not applicable/not yet, but planned

___testing change - yes/no/not applicable/not yet, but planned

Indicate any new notification forms, permit applications or letters, your facility has submitted or is planning as a result, or partly as a result, of this outreach.

___RCRA generator

___Air NESHAP/MACT

___Air NS/PS

___Air Refrigerant recovery/recycling device certification

___Air Risk management plan

___TRI form R

___TRI alternate threshold certification report

___Hazardous chemical Tier 1 or Tier 2

___Oil spill - Facility response plan

___Oil - Spill prevention, control and counter measure plan

___None of the above

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Indicate if you had any known reduction as a result of activities undertaken partly as a result of EPA's college and university initiative, and if possible, an estimate of how much:

- ☐ Air emissions
- ☐ Water contaminant discharges
- ☐ Hazardous waste generated
- ☐ Use of toxic materials
- ☐ Energy use

Indicate your level of understanding about environmental requirements, as a result of EPA's focus on colleges and universities: (greatly improved/significantly improved/improved/about the same/ confused)

- Hazardous waste management
- Hazardous waste disposal
- Fuel storage - above ground
- Fuel storage - under ground
- Air emissions
- Wastewater discharges
- Toxic release reporting
- Toxic material
- Pesticide

In what area of regulations, if any, would you like further information?

Suggestions or comments regarding EPA compliance initiative focused on colleges and universities:

Thank you for your time. The results of this survey will be shared on EPA's website by September 30, 2000 at www.epa.gov/reg3ecej and click on compliance assistance, then click on colleges and universities. Names and facilities participating in the survey will not be included.

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